

**REMARKS:**

Independent Claims 8, 9 and 25 have been allowed and remain herein unamended so that they remain in order for allowance.

Claim 19 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C.103 and, it is respectfully submitted, is now in good order for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 19 under 35 U.S.C.103 based on a combination of Wi, Siccardi and Bohanon.

Claim 19 has been amended to make clear the following features of distinction from the prior art:

- a) there are a plurality of separate air handling systems each associated with a respective bench;
- b) each air handling system includes an air intake, a fan, a fan housing separate, an interior air outlet and at least one respective air conditioning component, where each of these elements is separate from those of the other air handling systems so that the air handling systems are separate and distinct;
- c) the fan housings are arranged in a row along said first side wall of the exterior wall structure;
- d) each fan housing is mounted in the span between a respective pair of the plurality of vertical posts.

Wi discloses a plurality of benches in a greenhouse and the Examiner argues that the number of benches is equal to the number of spans at the end wall. While this argument is not accepted, the amendments made to Claim 19 are believed to render this issue moot. Wi does not, as the Examiner admits, make any relevant

disclosure concerning an air handling system for the greenhouse. Thus there is no disclosure of the use of separate air handling systems for separate benches nor of the provision of fan housings at specific locations.

Siccardi discloses a fan and heating arrangement. However from Figures 2, 3 and 4 it is clear that the fans are mounted internally within the building and there is only one external unit which is attached at a wall. Further fan units are mounted internally of the building. Thus again Siccardi does not disclose the use of separate air handling systems for separate benches nor of the provision of fan housings at specific locations.

Bohanon discloses an exterior fan unit which is mounted at an exterior wall. The Examiner suggests that this discloses the mounting of the unit between two posts. However no posts are shown in the figures nor are mentioned in the text and the Examiner in support of this position merely points to Figure 1 and reference numeral 10. This reference numeral merely discloses the unit 10. There are lines on the figure but it is pure speculation to suggest that these are posts. In any event, amended Claim 19 further includes features a, b and c which are clearly NOT disclosed in Bohanon. Thus the question as to whether the figure discloses or implies posts is moot.

Even if one were to combine the teachings of the three references as the Examiner suggests, such a combination does not include that the air handling units are associated with the benches so that there is a fan for each bench nor that the fan housings are arranged in a row at the end wall. To the contrary, one would assume from the combination of the references that there is a single air handling system with one air inlet and one fan housing. Even if a very large building had two or more such

fan housings, it is contrary to expectation of the skilled person that they would be located at a common location but instead they would be spread at spaced positions around the periphery of the building. To locate two fans at a common location is contrary to common sense in that one larger fan would be expected to be used for economies of scale.

It is submitted therefore that the combination of prior art does not disclose the combination of features now set forth in Claim 19 so that the claim is distinguished from the prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103 and should be allowed.

It is submitted therefore that all claims now presented are in good order for allowance.

Respectfully submitted

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